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FM USINT HAVANA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2072  
INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA  
USINT BAGHDAD  
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS  
AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO  
AMEMBASSY ROME

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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: PDEV, MILI, ET, CU  
SUBJECT: CUBANS REPORT ETHIOPIAN CALL FOR ERITREA TALKS

REF: HAVANA 1414

1. JUVENTUD REBELDE, MAY 30, CARRIES AFP DISPATCH, ASSERTING THAT ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT, THROUGH ITS EMBASSY IN ROME, HAS CALLED ON "SO-CALLED ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONTS" TO LAY DOWN WEAPONS AND NEGOTIATE SETTLEMENT OF CONFLICT. ETHIOPIAN SPOKESMAN IN ROME IS QUOTED AS CALLING FOR SOLUTION BASED ON 1976 PMAC "NINE-POINTS- WHICH "ENVISAGE AUTONOMY FOR ERITREA."

2. JUVENTUD REBELDE SAYS THAT NEW ETHIOPIAN INITIATIVE COMES AFTER DEFEAT OF ERITREAN ATTACK LAST WEEK AGAINST BARENTU. ETHIOPIAN FORCES REPORTEDLY STOPPED ATTACK, CAPURING "MORE THAN THOUSAND PRISONERS IN ONE DAY." ERITREAN WEAPONS, JUVENTUD REBELDE SAYS, WERE SUPPLIED BY "REACTIONARY ARAB COUNTRIES" WHO ALSO SENT MILITARY ADVISERS. JUVENTUD  
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REBELDE INDICATES THAT ETHIOPIAN SPOKESMAN, WITHOUT SPECIFYING OFFENDING COUNTRIES, WARNED AGAINST INTERVENTION INTO INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ETHIOPIA.

3. COMMENT: REPORTED ERITREAN ATTACK COINCIDES WITH CUBAN CLAIM - SEE REFTTEL - THAT ERITREANS ARE PLACING MILITARY PRESSURE ON MENGISTU. SUCH A CLAIM, IN ADDITION

TO REAFFIRMATION OF ETHIOPIAN READINESS TO NEGOTIATE  
(ALBEIT ON BASIS THAT CUBANS HAVE PRIVATELY DISCOUNTED -  
SEE REFTTEL), COULD BE USED TO JUSTIFY CUBAN MILITARY PARTI-  
CIPATION IN ERITREA ON SIDE OF MENGISTU. WHILE CUBANS  
RECENTLY HAVE INDICATED DESIRE TO AVOID MILITARY INVOLVE-  
MENT IN ERITREA, THEY HAVE NOT FORECLOSED POSSIBILITY -  
PARTICULARLY IF EXTERNAL FORCES ARE INVOLVED (SEE HAVANA 1441).  
IN THIS REGARD, SYRIAN CHARGE VISITED USINT, MAY 30, AND  
TOLD US OF DAMASCUS' CONCERN WITH POSSIBLE CUBAN INVOLVE-  
MENT AGAINST ERITREANS. SYRIAN STATED THAT DAMASCUS IS  
SUPPORTING ERITREANS.  
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